

REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter. The Examiner has required an election grouping the claims as Group I, claims 1-8 drawn to a method and Group II, claims 9-15 drawn to an apparatus. Furthermore, the Examiner has stated that in Group I there are two species, namely the species represented by claims 2 and 3 or 4 and 5. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the species of claims 2 and 3 and therefore elects the claims of Group I along with the species of 2 and 3. Consequently generic claims 1 and 6-8 are to be prosecuted along with the species of claims 2 and 3. This election is made without traverse.

It is understood that if generic or subgeneric claims are found allowable that the non-elected claims depend from such non-elected species will also be found allowable in this application.

Early and favorable action of the merits of the claims is courteously awaited.

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